

Cash Assistance for Immigrants

DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES

This program, under AB-2779, provides cash assistance to aged, blind and disabled legal immigrants who meet the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) immigration status requirements in effect on August 21, 1998 and all other current SSI/SSP eligibility requirements, yet are no longer eligible for SSI/SSP solely due to their immigration status. This program is 100% state funded.

There is no staffing associated with this budget unit.

BUDGET AND WORKLOAD HISTORY

	Actual 2002-03	Budget 2003-04	Estimate 2003-04	Proposed 2004-05
Total Appropriation	698,136	1,053,030	767,838	1,053,030
Departmental Revenue	695,909	1,053,030	767,838	1,053,030
Local Cost	2,227	-	-	-

Workload Indicators

Cases Per Month	96	116	95	111
Average Monthly Aid	\$606	\$752	\$672	\$790

Expenditures for 2003-04 are expected to be less than budgeted because caseload continues to be lower than expected. This is due to clients moving into the federal SSI/SSP program while new applications continue to decline. Average grant costs have also been lower than expected.

GROUP: Human Services System
DEPARTMENT: Cash Assistance for Immigrants
FUND: General

BUDGET UNIT: AAB CAS
FUNCTION: Public Assistance
ACTIVITY: Aid Programs

ANALYSIS OF 2004-05 BUDGET

	A	B	C	D	E	B+C+D+E F	G	F+G H
	2003-04 Year-End Estimates	2003-04 Final Budget	Cost to Maintain Current Program Services (Schedule A)	Board Approved Adjustments (Schedule A)	Impacts Due to State Budget Cuts (Schedule B)	Board Approved Base Budget	Department Recommended Funded Adjustments (Schedule C)	2004-05 Proposed Budget
<u>Appropriation</u>								
Other Charges	767,838	1,053,030	-	-	-	1,053,030	-	1,053,030
Total Appropriation	767,838	1,053,030	-	-	-	1,053,030	-	1,053,030
<u>Departmental Revenue</u>								
State, Fed or Gov't Aid	767,838	1,053,030	-	-	-	1,053,030	-	1,053,030
Total Revenue	767,838	1,053,030	-	-	-	1,053,030	-	1,053,030
Local Cost	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The proposed 2004-05 budget projects a small caseload decline from the previous year and an expected 1.5% COLA in the SSI/SSP rate for the months of January through June 2005. This is a 100% state funded program that results in no local cost. Because the state legislature could expand program eligibility at any time it is recommended that 2004-05 appropriations remain at the current level.

